

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A copyright protection system comprises an encryption device and a decryption device. Cryptographic communication is performed between the encryption device and the decryption device using a contents key. The encryption device includes a contents storage section for storing contents, a first contents key generation section for generating the contents key based on a second decryption
10 limitation obtained by updating a first decryption limitation, and a first encryption section for encrypting the contents using the contents key and outputting the encrypted contents. The decryption device includes a second contents key generation section for generating the contents key from the second decryption limitation, and a
15 first decryption section for decrypting the encrypted contents using the contents key generated by the second contents key generation section.